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1. US VIEWS ON TIMING OF EC- EFTA EXAMINATIONS GIVEN TO SECRETARIAT MARCH 9. SEC CONSULTED CHAIRMAN (BATISTA- BRAZIL) WHO REGRETS WEEK OF MAY 7 NOT POSSIBLE. GATT GROUP OF THREE (BATISTA IS MEMBER IN HIS CAPACITY CHAIRMAN OF CTD) HAS SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS THAT WEEK. IN ADDITION, UNCTAD TDB 12(RESUMED), UNCTAD SUGAR CONFERENCE, AND ECE PLENARY WILL ALL BE TAKING PLACE THAT WEEK AS WELL AS GATT CTIP. QUITE APART FROM HIS OWN UNAVAILABILITY, BATISTA CONSIDERS MANY DELEGATIONS WILL BE SPREAD TOO THIN WEEK OF MAY 7 TO CONTEMPLATE ADDING EC- EFTA. SIMILAR PROBLEMS AFFECT WEEK OF
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MAY 21 (BATISTA INTENDS CONVENE CTD MAY 22-25). EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATES ARE MAY 28-30 FOR EC- SWITZERLAND AND JUNE 4-6 FOR OTHER FOUR (E. G. SWEDEN JUNE 4, AUSTRIA JUNE 5, PORTUGAL AND ICELAND JUNE 6).

2. RE DERESTRICTION OF EC/ EFTA TEXTS (REF B), SECRETARIAT HAS CONFIRMED WITH EC THAT ALL TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS THEMSELVES EXCEPT EC- AUSTRIAN INTERIM AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH IN JOURNAL OFFICIAL AND CAN ACCORDINGLY BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC INFORMATION. EC STILL CHECKING WHETHER SAME IS TRUE OF VARIOUS EXCHANGES OF LETTERS REPRODUCED IN GATT DOCUMENTS. IF ALL LETTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUBLICLY RELEASED, SECRETARIAT ASSUMES EC WOULD AGREE AT GATT COUNCIL MARCH 22 TO DERESTRICT FULL TEXTS OF RELEVANT GATT DOCS. WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON THIS SHORTLY. RIMESTAD

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